

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0141] with the following:

[0141] The embodiment of FIG. 66 is similar to that of FIG. 65 with an implant 530 and first and second saddles 532 and 534. Implant 530 has a lateral width 531 and a central longitudinal axis 533. Associated with each saddle is a tether 536, 538 respectively. The tethers are made of flexible materials known in the trade and industry and are positioned through bores in the implant 530. Once appropriately positioned, the tethers can be tied off. It is to be understood that the tethers are not meant to be used to immobilize one spinous process relative to the other, but are used to guide motion of the spinous processes relative to each other so that the implant 530 can be used as an extension stop and a flexion non-inhibitor. In other words, the saddles 532, 534 are used to stop spinal column backward bending and extension. However, the tethers do not inhibit forward bending and spinal column flexion.